Among the Books

"Publications are only worthy when they are not mechanical, but L mar.'

"Master and Maid,"

By Mrs. L. Allen Harker. From Charles Scribner's Sons, of New York, through the Bell Book and Stationery Co., of Richmond, \$1.25 net.

The author of "Concerning Paul and Flametta" and "Miss Esperance and Mr. Wycherly" could never write anything but a charming book. Consequently, "Master and Maid" is as sentimentally sweet and frosh as the "Master and Mnid,"

duently, "Master and Maid" is as sentimentally sweet and frosh as the critical taste could demand. "The Master" is a housemaster at Hamchester College, England, where he has most critical taste could demand. "The Maid" is a voing Irish girl Lellia Maid" is a young Irish girl, Lallie Clounmell, left in the care of the housemaster by her father, who has gone tiger hunting in India.

The housemaster, not being able to produce suitable chaperons on demand, produce suitable chaperons on demand, is much embarrassed when Lallie walks in upon him, breaks up all the stiff little conventions of his home, sings Irish songs to an accompaniment on the harp in the drawing room where she makes tea for the household, and subdues all of the master's assistants and members of the saulor assistants and members of the senior class by her gay insouclance, her grace and her beauty.

It is true that Lallic's propensities

worthy object, a married man and an utterly unpractical enthusiast and dreamer, produces no end of complica-

Sanity and a wholesome balance are in a measure restored by a very brave act which saved the life of a rival, almost at the cost of that of the heroine. The book is problematical in its nature, poor humanity striving in its pages to win to higher things, through suffering and renunciation. Its aim and intention are fine, and the book is very interesting because of this and its excellent style and characteriza-

"The Scourge." By Warrington Dawson. Small, May-nard & Co., of New York.

Mr. Dawson is clearly of the opinion that since the War Between the States which natural conservatism and the keeping up of fixed class distinctions

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"The Handicap."

By Robert E. Knowles. Fleming H. Reveil Co., of New York. \$1.20 net. The story of the Canadian settlements in outlying districts and of the people who lived and suffered and played their parts in the drama of life in that remote and primitive wilderness.

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Two characters of the story among its men. Dennis Riley, an Irishman from Donegal, and Arthur Ainsile, a Secteman, overtop others in interest, although village types are well presented in "The Handicap."

The book takes its title from the fact that the young lovers of the romance are both heavily handicapped—the man, by reason of his birth, and the girl, because of her surroundings.

"Arabadian The test was held Friday at miles. The test was held Friday at miles. The test was held Friday at the mouth of the Potomac River. The monitor Tallahassee fired ten twelve-inch shells at two targets of armor plate, varying in thickness from eight to eleven inches, erected on the ram Katahdin. Four of the shots hit and pierced the plates, which were of the most recent type and represented the turret and belt armor of a battleship.

The story is well told, and the incl-The story is well told, and the incldents, pathetic and humorous, are presented in a manner calculated to hold
attention. As a whole, the book is decidedly above the average in its style
and the moral lessons which it inculcates.

The projecties are by the ramanessee weighed \$70 pounds, with an initial
velocity of 2,400 feet per second. One
of the smaller target and two struck
the ten-inch curved plate of the larger
target, all penetrating completely. The

have preserved unbroken to the injury of commercial progress and financial success.

Paulsville, a Southern village of little consequence, is the scene of Mr. Dawson's novel. Into the midst of a community of people with inherited and has the advantage of many illus-

For the mother in the home to be strong and well, able to devote her time and strength to the rearing of children, is one of life's greatest blessings. Often the bearing of children injures the mother's health, if she has not propared her system in advance for the important event.

the bottom of the Roads, and a court of inquiry has just completed an in-Women who use Mother's Friend are saved much of the discomfort and suffering so common with expectant mothers. It is a penetrating oil that thoroughly lubricates every muscle, nerve and tenden involved at such times, and thus promotes physical comfort. It aids nature by expanding the skin and tissues and per-

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vestigation to determine whether or not due precautions were taken to prevent the sinking of the vessel. Mineral Social News [Special to The Times Dispatch.] Mineral, Va., February 12.—Rev.

turret and belt armor of a battleship.
The projectiles fired by the Tallahas-

R. Wilkinson, who has been at the Virginia Hospital, Richmond, returned home Thursday.

Mrs. Cherles Bagby, of Richmond, was the week-end guest of Mrs. H. W. King, at Hotel Coleman.

Miss Leora James is visiting friends in Richmond.

Charges Against Member of District Board Dismissed as Frivolous.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Lancaster, ,Va., February 12:—The
trouble arising from the dismissal of
the, principal of the Otteman High
School just before Christmas has been settled by the county trustee electoral board, sitting as a tribunal of last resort in such cases. Several persons who were dissatisfied with the action of the district board in dismissing the principal and with the action of the patrons in withdrawing the petition asking for the reinstatement of the preferred charges against one of the members of the district board with a view to having him re-moved. After holding several sessions and hearing all the evidence, the trustee electoral board dismissed the charges as frivolous, and refused to dismiss the member against whom the aristocratic tendencies and beliefs, he trations from photographs and drawprojects an alien element in the person ings.

The man " writes Mr. Dane all threatens to take the matter to Rich-

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the season thus far has been the best for several years. The most of those engaged in this business are now engaged in this basicales and setting gaged in planting stakes and setting their traps for the spring run of fish. some of which, notably the herring, have already appeared in the waters

But few people in this section have filled their icehouses, most of them having postponed this work till after Christmas in the hope of getting thicker and better ice. It is now feared that there will not be enough cold

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fourth shot struck the roof of the forward target and glanced off.

In appropriating \$100,000 for ordnance development in the navy Congress at its last session imposed two conditions to be compiled with before the money would become available. One provided for the test which was held Friday and the other for an experiment to demonstrate the effect of 200 pounds of explosive gelatin exploded in unconfined charges against the heavy turret and belt armor of a vessel. The latter test was held in November in Hampton Roads. As a result of it the monitor Puritan lies at the bottom of the Roads, and a court of inquiry has just completed an in-

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The reads are said to be the worst

for many years, owing to the long spell of rainy weather. Williamsburg Social News

[Special to The Times Dispatch.]
Williamsburg, Va., February 12.—
Herbert C. Lightfoot, who has been in Herbert C. Lightfoot, who has been in Boston the past year, joined Mrs. Lightfoot here this week. After spanding some time with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mercer, they will go to Loudoun county to reside.

Miss Beulah Brooks is visiting Mrs. Alfrea Hart Miles, in Norfolk.

John C. Simpson, of Norfolk, spent Thursday here with Mayor E. W. Warburton. burton.

Horace Epes and L. E. Pugh, of the

Gordonsville Social News [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ond L. E. Pugh, of the ally Press, spent Wed.

M. E. Sneed has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. John G. Woolesday in Williamsburg.

J. B. C. Spencer has returned from Miss Rena Marcus is visiting friends

a week's visit to his son, Dr. Blair Spencer, in Washington, D. C.
Joseph D. Eggleston, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was the guest of Dr. Walter A. Montgomery during the former's visit here yesterday.

Miss Ella Humphreys, who has resided in Williamsburg for several years, left to-day for Petersburg, where she will become assistant superintendent of the Birdville Sanatorium.

Mr. and Mrs. William Agate, of Pittsford, N. Y., are here to spend a couple of months.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods, of Port Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Woods, of Port Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Woods, of Port Lake, Mr. are spending the remainder of Mr. Alcolore of Richmond Tuesday.

Miss Editives in Washington.

Miss Katharine Schlosser visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Schlosser, of List week.

C. W. Woolfolk and E. H. de Jarnette, Jr., of Orange, and Bertelle Woolfolk, of Lakore, were Gordonsville visitors this week.

Miss Evelyn Martin has returned to her home in Charlottesville, after the parents, Mr. as Section Schlosser, and Mrs. Jr. and Mrs. and Miss Ella Humphreys, who has resided in Williamsburg for several years, left to-day for Petersburg, where she will become assistant superintendent of the Birdville Sanatorium.

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Gregory Spencer, of Newport News, spent the first of the week here with his father, H. G. Spencer.

Of Lahore, were Gordonsville visitors this week.

Miss Evelyn Martin has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. C. E. Miss Bettle Marshall has returned to her home in Charlottesville, after the winter in Williamsburg.

L. J. Fabor was in Richmond Tuesday.

E. M. McClure, of Richmond, visited his brother, R. M. McClure, here this week.

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L. V. Duke has moved his family to Richmond.
W. C. Bond, of Orange, was a visitor to Gordonsville Tuesday.
Mrs. W. M. Downin and little son are visiting relatives in the city.
Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Cuthriell have returned from a trip to Richmond, Norfolk, Hampton and Washington.

News of South Richmond

Wants Steel Trust Investigated

Congressman A. O. Stanley, of Kentucky, who has introduced a resolution in Congress demanding that the United States Steel Corporation be subject to investigation by a committee of Congressmen.

South Richmnd Bureau, The Times-Dispatch, 1020 Hull Street,

Phone Madison 175. The Bainbridge Street Baptist Church was filled almost to its capacity yesterday afternoon to hear Rev. J. J. Raptist Church, preach. Mr. Wicker many homes, has been conducting a series of revival services here. That of yesterday afternoon was interdenominational. Wicker spoke forcefully, and stirred the large congregation with

A feature of the occasion was the voices.

The meetings will be resumed to-

George Washington Supper.

A "George Washington Supper" will be served on the birthday of the Father of his Country, February 22, by the women of the Decatur Street Methodist Church. Preparations are being with pleasure seekers.

usually attractive musical program. St. Valentine's Day.
St. Valentine's Day will be appropriately observed to-morrow in South Richmond. The small boy will have his uning with the distribution of "comics" to friends and enemies alike. Numerous social events have been arranged for the occasion, and to-

At the residence of Mrs. Charles T. Jones, 2321 Hull Street, Swansboro, there will be a silver tea for the ben-

A feature of the occasion was the organization of Liberty Council, Jr. O. singing of a choir of thirty trained U. A. M., will be celebrated in appronight and continue throughout the been arranged for the occasion, which week.

dist Church. Preparations are being with pleasure-seekers. Many visitors made to serve a tasty menu, while a from the north side added to the large feature of the occasion will be an un-number of strollers.

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